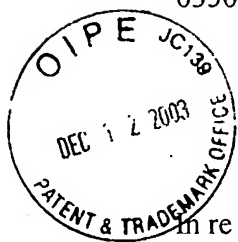


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PATENT APPLICATION



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In re Application of:

TAKAHIRO YAJIMA ET AL.

Application No.: Div. of Appln. No.
09/769,328

Filed: Herewith

For: DEPOSITED-FILM FORMATION
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Examiner: Anna M. Crowell

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December 11, 2003

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT
AND PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

a) Introductory Comments

Applicants petition to extend the time for response to the final Office Action dated June 13, 2003 in Application No. 09/769,328. A check in the amount of \$950.00 for payment of the three-month extension fee is enclosed. Please charge any additional fee required for the extension, and credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account 06-1205.

Kindly amend the subject application as follows: